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Decorative Piece for Drinking Vessels

The present invention relates to decorative pieces for attachment to the outer surfaces of drinking vessels, for example glasses, cups, mugs or beakers, or to the outer surfaces of wine bottles, flower bases or other vessels or
5 articles.

I have devised a decorative piece which may be attached to the outer surface of a drinking vessel, to adorn the drinking vessel particularly for use at parties or other festive occasions: the decorative piece may however be applied
10 to a wide variety of other articles.

In accordance with the present invention, there is provided a decorative piece for attachment for example to a drinking vessel, the decorative piece comprising a decorative front panel and a suction cup mounted to the rear of said front
15 panel.

The suction cup is preferably small in diameter, compared with the minimum transverse dimension or width of the front panel of the decorative piece.

Preferably the suction cup is located at or adjacent the
20 centre of the front panel of the piece.

Preferably the front panel of the decorative piece is formed with a flange or rim, projecting rearwardly from it and encircling the suction cup. Preferably this flange or rim is positioned at or adjacent the peripheral edge of the front
25 panel. Preferably the suction cup projects only a short distance beyond the rear edge of the rim or flange.

It will be appreciated that decorative pieces in accordance with the present invention are of simple construction and quick and easy to apply to drinking vessels
30 or other articles, by means of the suction cups of the decorative pieces. The suction cups are substantially concealed behind the front panels of the decorative pieces, and therefore substantially unobtrusive.

The front panel of the decorative piece may be of any

desired shape and may carry, on its front surface, any desired pattern or ornament or a message such as "Happy Birthday", "Happy Anniversary", "Congratulations" etc. Any desired number of decorative pieces may be applied to each drinking vessel or other article, whether the decorative pieces applied to the drinking vessel or other article are the same or different in size, shape, colour etc.

An embodiment of the present invention will now be described by way of example only and with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a view of a drinking glass having applied to it a couple of decorative pieces in accordance with the present invention;

FIGURE 2 is a front view of one of the decorative pieces shown in Figure 1;

FIGURE 3 is a side view of the decorative piece shown in Figure 2;

FIGURE 4 is an enlarged, cross-sectional view of the decorative piece shown in Figures 2 and 3;

FIGURE 5 consists of front views of a number of decorative pieces of different shapes; and

FIGURE 6 is a view of a mug or beaker having applied to it a couple of decorative pieces in accordance with the present invention.

Referring to Figure 1 of the drawings, there is shown a drinking glass G having a pair of decorative pieces D applied to the outer side of its bowl: the decorative pieces, in the example shown, are of star-shape.

One of the decorative pieces D is shown in more detail in Figures 2 to 4. Thus, the decoration piece D comprises a front panel 10 which is star-shaped, and has a rim 12 projecting rearwardly from it all around its edges or periphery. On its rear side and at its centre, the panel 10 is formed with an enlargement 14 in thickness and an elastomeric suction cup 16 is mounted to this enlargement.

It will be appreciated that the suction cup 16 serves for attaching the decorative piece D to the side of a glass (as

shown in Figure 1) or to the side of any desired drinking vessel. The diameter of the suction cup 16 is small compared to the minimum width of the front panel 10 of the decorative piece, and projects only a short distance rearwardly beyond the rim 12, so that the suction cup 16 is substantially concealed and therefore substantially unobtrusive.

The front surface of the panel 10 may be of any desired shape and carry any desired pattern. Three examples are shown in Figure 5, which shows at (a) a decorative piece in the shape and having the pattern of a flower, at (b) a decorative piece in the shape of a star, corresponding to the decorative piece of Figures 2 to 4, and at (c) a decorative piece which is generally square in shape and carries a love-heart pattern.

As mentioned previously, decorative pieces in accordance with the present invention may be applied, using their concealed suction cups, to the side of any desired drinking vessel: Figure 6 shows a mug or beaker M having a couple of decorative pieces D applied to it, these decorative pieces being of the form shown at (a) in Figure 5.

It will be appreciated that any desired number of decorative pieces may be applied to each drinking vessel: where more than one decorative piece is applied, the decorative pieces may of course be of different shapes and/or sizes.

After use of the drinking vessel, the decorative piece or pieces are easy to remove for subsequent re-use.

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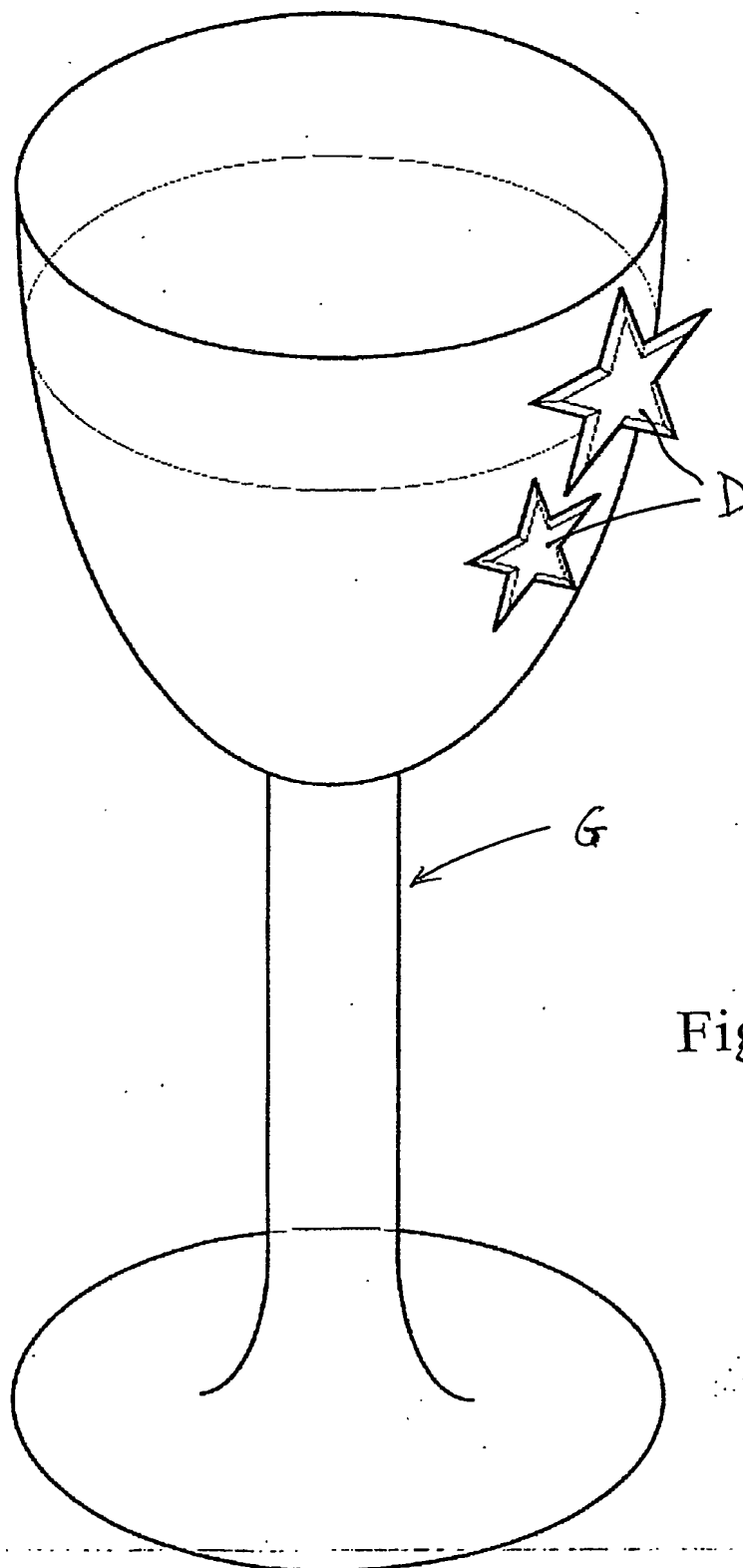


Figure 1

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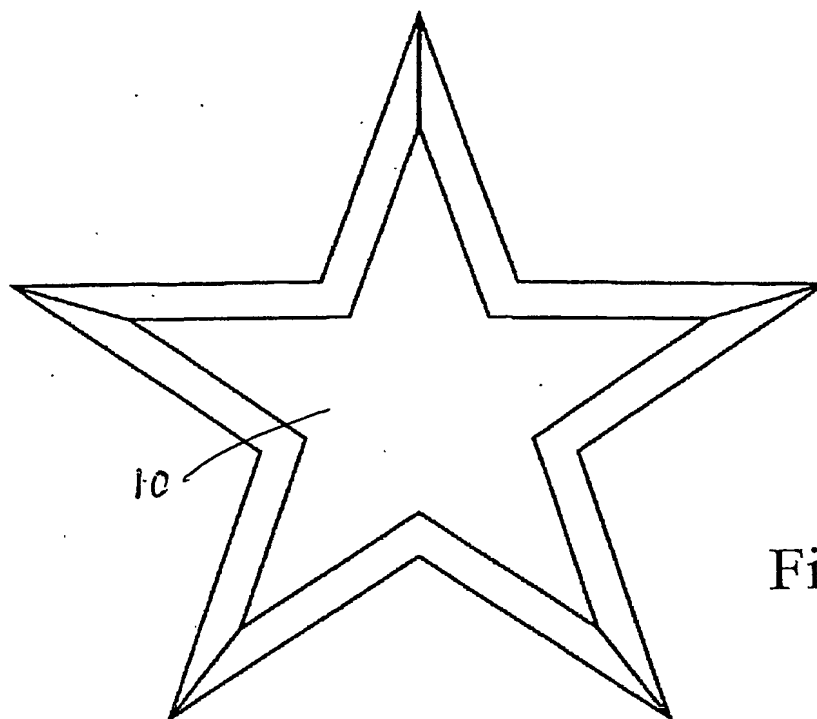


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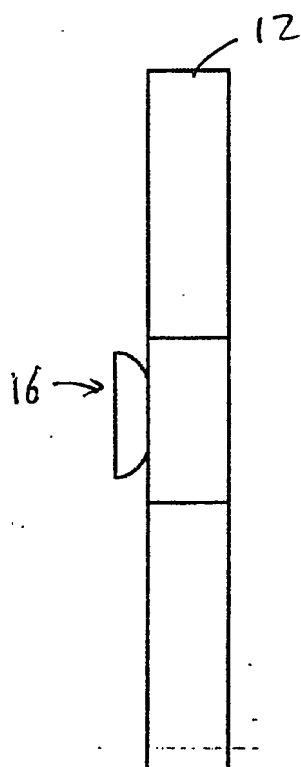


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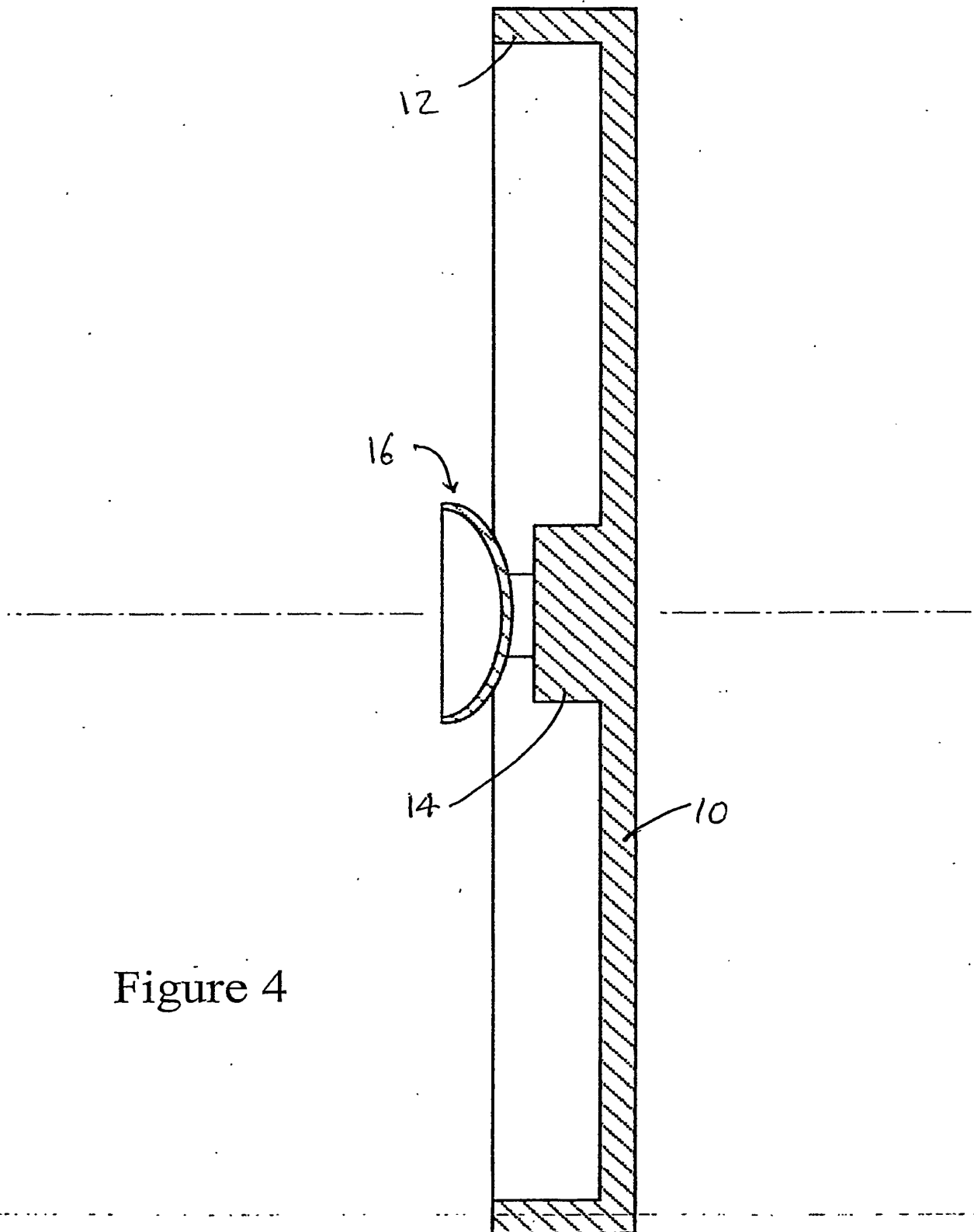
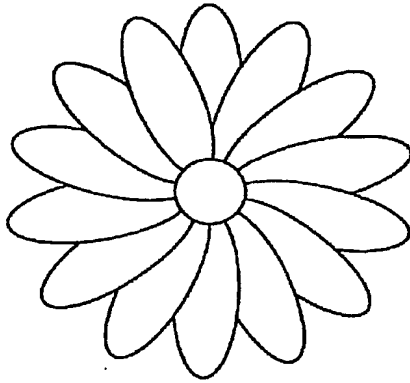
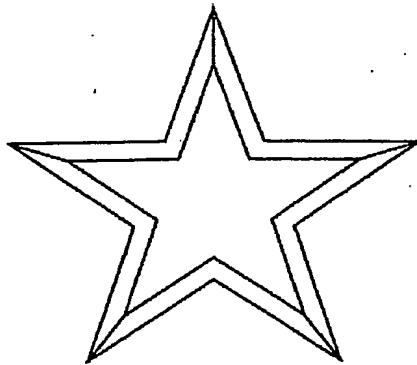


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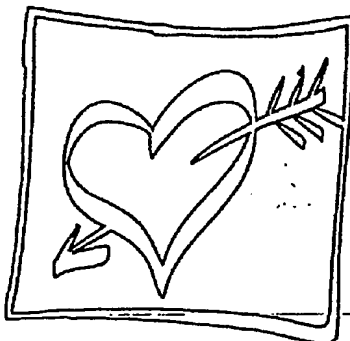


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Figure 5



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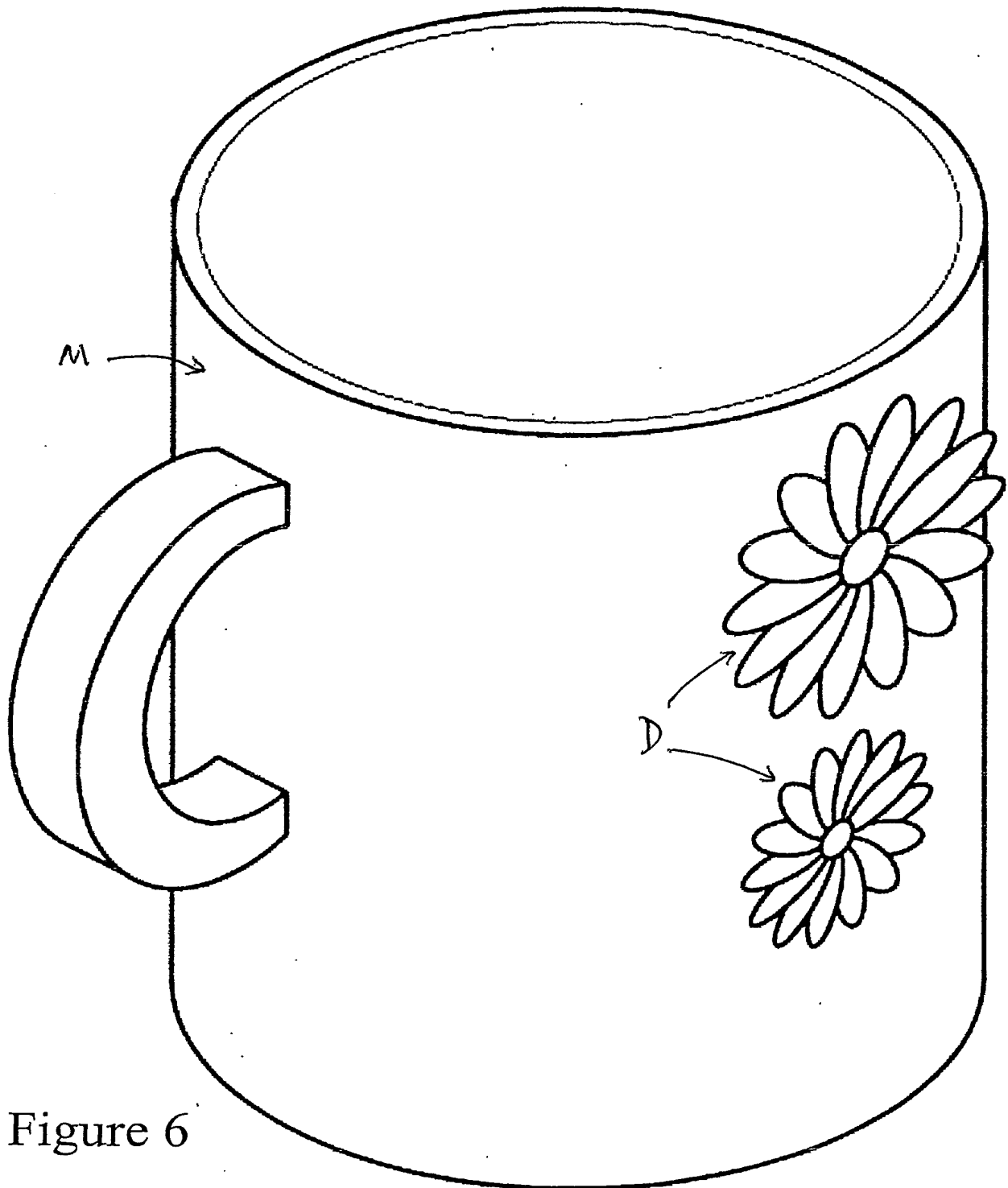


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